

## ROW OVER VILNA HALTS COMMERCE

Lithuanians Bar Way of Poles to Sea Due to Clouded Title.

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VILNA, May 2.—In Genoa the Lithuanian representatives have protested against the continued occupation of Vilna by the Polish forces. But as far as the Poles are concerned the incident is considered closed. Gen. Zeligowski seized the city, a form of plebiscite was held and the delegates elected formally declared Vilna to be united or reunited to Poland.

A large Polish force is in the city and the administration is in the hands of the Poles. The occupied zone extends about fifty kilometers (thirty-one miles) beyond the city, so as to include the important railroads, the protecting hills and the Vistula river, which flows into the Niemen.

Vilna is important because it is one of the centers for trade with Russia, and the Niemen affords an outlet to the Baltic at Memel, where the French are still sitting tight and not talking too much about their occupation.

The Lithuanians wish to make Vilna their capital, as it was during the days of the Lithuanian empire, when Lithuania extended to Odessa. Because of the conflict over Vilna the Lithuanians at Kovno are barring the way to the sea. The entire Lithuanian frontier is closed to the Poles without any likelihood of its being opened in the near future.

**City Owned by Jews.**  
While the Poles declare Vilna is definitely in their hands, and the Lithuanians are hoping war between Russia and Poland will give them the city, the Jews are the real owners. They compose more than half of the population and seem to control all the resources.

A Pole will tell you that Vilna does not include more than 2 per cent Lithuanians, while a Lithuanian estimates the proportion of the Poles to be about 2 per cent. Probably the two nationalities are evenly divided, each having about 20 or 22 per cent.

The culture is undoubtedly Polish, and the religion, other than Jewish, is ardent Roman Catholic. The university is Polish, very old and very well known. The inhabitants talk Polish and Russian with equal facility. Just now they are all brushing up their Polish, for policy demands it.

A neutral zone was arranged between the Lithuanian and Polish forces to prevent fighting. The business of partition is in the hands of the league of nations, but a decision does not seem imminent.

**Timber Trade Blocked.**

In itself the Vilna incident is not of great importance, but the continued unfriendliness between the Poles and Lithuanians blocks the wood trade between Poland and the Baltic.

The north of Poland is heavily wooded, including one vast forest owned by the state. Ordinarily the timber was floated down the Niemen to Memel, where ships freighted it west. Rail shipment is too costly, but some is moving via Danzig.

This closed frontier is only one of the handicaps to Europe's reconstruction, but it breaks down the road to recovery.

A tourist could spend a pleasant day at Vilna, visiting the mound where pagan fires were kept burning; studying the many old Roman Catholic churches and Greek orthodox churches, the latter now partly destroyed or used by the Polish troops for their religious devotions.

One shrine, the Ostra Brama chapel, contains a wonder-working image of the virgin, in an arch over the principal street. The street is always filled with kneeling worshippers. The archway, which is a sixteenth century gate, provides an element of harmony in a city of religious contrasts, for the image of the virgin is sacred to both Poles and Lithuanians.

**Noted Battleground.**  
The joint distribution committee has a strong representation in Vilna, and the Methodist mission has opened a branch.

Vilna, according to history, has not changed much since 1223, when it was made the capital of Lithuania. It has been fought over by Swedes, the Baltic barons, Russians, Cossacks, Poles and Lithuanians.

Scarcely a day passes without a battle on the way to and from Russia.

The houses are still marked with machine gun bullet holes, but otherwise life is pursuing its easy-going course.

The next invasion is expected to be handled more skilfully to develop trade with Russia.

**GRANDSTAND, 100 AUTOS BURN AT BALL GAME**

Cigarette Supposed to Have Started Flames at Wichita Falls, Tex.

By the Associated Press.  
WICHITA FALLS, Tex., June 3.—Fire starting during the second inning of the Texas League game between Wichita Falls and Shreveport here today completely destroyed the frame grandstand at the ball park and burned most of the bleachers. About 100 automobiles were slightly injured.

The fire started just beneath the main entrance and is believed to have originated from a match or a cigarette. The loss is estimated at about \$125,000.

**PRESS REPORTS DENIED.**  
Russian Declares Vladivostok President Is Not Deposed.

NEW YORK, June 3.—V. S. Kolesnikov, secretary for foreign affairs of the Merkuloff government at Vladivostok, who is now in New York, today made public a cablegram from his foreign department denying press dispatches of June which said that President Merkuloff had been deposed by the constituent assembly and arrested. The Kolesnikov message was as follows: "Government ordered dissolution of constituent assembly, which refused to submit. President was not arrested. Military power is divided. Situation is uncertain." The press dispatch of June 1 said the government had been taken over by M. Koldoroff.

**PREMIUM ON HEALTHY HOGS**  
CHICAGO, June 3.—Announcement was made today that the "big five" Chicago packers—Swift, Morris, Wilson, Armour and Cudahy—and many of the small packers have agreed to pay ten cents a hundred above the market prices on all hogs shipped to the Chicago live stock market, provided they are free from tuberculosis and come from a farm where both cattle and hogs are not infected with the disease. The agreement was reached at a joint session of packers and representatives for the live stock exchanges.

**LOVE 40 YEARS; NOW WED.**  
BRUNSWICK, Ga., June 3.—A romance that started forty years ago, according to the contracting parties, culminated yesterday here when Miss Katie E. Dart and William T. Wilkins, 40 years of age, were united in marriage. The couple had planned their nuptials for a long time, but the romance was shattered.

## Auction—The Horrid, Sarcastic Old Thing.

—By WEBSTER.



## CHISELS REMOVE GOLD AND SILVER

Moscow Government Agents Forcibly Loot Treasure From Churches.

By the Associated Press.  
MOSCOW, May 6.—Hammers and chisels, wielded in a matter-of-fact manner by employees of the government committees for requisition of church treasures, have stripped in a few moments the silver or gold overlays from ikons that took years to construct. Today these sheets of valuable metal are being weighed on scales and melted down to be sold to help feed Russia's famine sufferers.

Here and there throughout Russia there have been disturbances in connection with the requisitions. The outstanding feature of the campaign to transform these valuables into bread has been fought over by the church treasures, which have been watched by parishioners have watched the requisitions.

**Loot in Presence of Nuns.**  
The Associated Press correspondent spent a morning with the Moscow requisition committee watching the work at an ancient church and a big convent at Moscow. At the latter a few nuns, solemn-faced but unresisting, watched the methodical work of the requisitioners and even assisted them by pointing out the treasures containing genuine diamonds.

Fifteen minutes of work stripped all of the silver and gold from an ikon before which Ivan the Terrible once knelt, and left it a cracked oil painting. A few strips of the shears and a collar of tiny steel pearls, weighing perhaps six pounds and which must have taken months of patient needlework to construct, was cut from another ikon and tossed into a box with silver cups, diamond-studded crosses and communion cups of gold. Scores of hanging lanterns of silver and hand-wrought enamel, which had been carefully tended and filled with oil and lights for centuries, came down just as quickly and were thrown in heaps on a wooden bench to be listed and weighed on the scales.

**Most of the Wealth in Overlays.**  
Most of the wealth of the church has been placed in the overlays of ikons. The Greek Catholic Church abhors the orthodox, they doffed their hats upon entering the church. They did not enter the sanctuary for a moment, but permitted the priest or some other person designated by the faithful to handle out of the valuable articles from these places.

**Museum Experts in Party.**  
Experts from the government museum accompanied the requisitioners and if they discovered objects of great historical value these were pronounced "museum articles" and not sold but removed to the museums or permitted to remain in the churches.

At the Nikitski convent one ikon which the nuns particularly valued was not taken, as the parishioners agreed to pay over to the famine fund its value in silver coin.

**KNICKERS BAN LIFTED.**

Michigan Women Drop Protest Parade as Order Is Modified.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., June 3.—Plans for a parade of women in protest against Mayor Swanton's order prohibiting their appearance in knickerbockers have been called off, the mayor having modified the ban.

"Knickerbockers" may be worn, he decided, provided the wearers conduct themselves becomingly on the streets.

## WOMEN AGAIN TO WEAR TRAINS AT BRITISH COURT FUNCTIONS

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, May 31.—Economy is no longer to be the keynote of court functions at Buckingham Palace. No more "economy courts," as they were called, are to be held. These were established by their majesties after the war to set fashionable society a much-needed example in curbing extravagance. The seal of royal approval has now again been bestowed on court trains. Indeed, no women can be presented at court who does not wear them. Of course, as a man the lord chamberlain cannot presume to be an expert on fashionable feminine dress, but it is one of his many official duties to lay down rules and regulations to which women must conform at the most exalted of court functions.

That is one of the things for which he is paid \$15,000 a year. He has to be a peer besides to qualify for the exalted office, which is accounted among the political plums that the prime minister has to give away.

The present lord chamberlain is in the top class of the peerage. He is the Duke of Athol.

By restoring the court train he has earned the blessings of the fashionable dressmakers. But they would have frowned their disapproval if he had lengthened the trains. Before the war three yards was their regulation length, while Queen Victoria didn't consider four yards too long.

By the new regulations they need be only two yards in length and should not extend more than nineteen inches from the heel of the wearer when standing.

To walk backward before royalty in a train three yards long without getting tangled up in it imposes a severe tax on the agility and skill of not a few socially ambitious women. Queen Mary is a kind woman and she would naturally wish to spare her sex making exhibitions of themselves. Hence she was in favor of the shorter length for trains.

Authorities, nevertheless, have taken cognizance of the unofficial reports from Porto Rico, and intend to follow closely the developments. The official report has not yet arrived.

Cordero was convicted before the federal court at Ponce by a jury of distilling 200 gallons of rum and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs. He has instituted an appeal through his attorney, L. Torres, to the Supreme Court, claiming "that he has been wrongfully convicted and sentenced on the ground that the eighteenth amendment does not apply to Porto Rico, because it does not specifically include Porto Rico in providing for national prohibition."

Also on the ground that the national prohibition act, under which he was convicted here is not in force in Porto Rico, and that the federal court therefore had no jurisdiction to try the case.

In ruling against the contentions of Cordero's attorney, Torres, the court held that it has jurisdiction but urged that the matter be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States to be definitely settled, because of the many cases being brought before the court under the same law. The court held the case to be of "extreme importance."

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